

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-17. (cancelled)

18. (new) A method for requesting the agreement of a user of a mobile terminal of a mobile radio network to the transfer of their position data to a party requesting this position data, the method comprising:

causing, by the switching center of the mobile radio network, in the case of the arrival of a request from a requester for the position of the mobile terminal in the switching center, a database server to make a check on the basis of data stored there relating to the mobile terminal verification rules as to whether an agreement on the mobile terminal side to forward the mobile terminal position to the requester must be obtained;

sending the result of this check to the switching center;

sending, by the switching center, if the result at least indicates that an agreement must be obtained, a request for an agreement to the mobile terminal; and

transmitting, if the agreement is received by the switching center, the position of the mobile terminal to the requester.

19. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the request arrives at a position data acceptance location of the mobile radio network.

20. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the switching center is an MSC or SGSN.

21. (new) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:

requesting, by the switching center, the position of the mobile terminal from a BSS or RAN of the mobile radio network.

22. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein

a verification rules specification can only comprise a prespecified set of different instructions, especially one of the following instructions: position data transfer without

notification, position data transfer with notification to the mobile terminal, position data transfer only after agreement of the mobile station or if no response is received from the mobile station, only transfer position data with the agreement of the mobile station.

23. (new) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:

storing, for a multiplicity of mobile subscriber identity modules and/or mobile stations, verification rules specifications and identity specifications for the mobile terminal or for a mobile subscriber identity module contained in it.

24. (new) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:

regularly receiving, by a switching center, especially a Visitor Location Register of a switching center from the Home Location Register of a mobile network the telecommunications address of the database server or receiving it when a mobile terminal registers at the switching center or its Visitor Location Register VLR.

25. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein position data is only transferred to a requester if this is allowed for the period of the recording of the position according to stored conditions for the user of the mobile station or its mobile subscriber identity module through attributes stored in the database.

26. (new) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:

changing the conditions by the user via their mobile terminal or another terminal by mobile radio, WAP, Internet, fixed network or in another way.

27. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the switching center is the mobile switching center currently being used by the mobile terminal .

28. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the database server is arranged in an SCP.

29. (new) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the database server is a database comprising the verification rules specifications and possibly additional attributes and comprising an additional unit which makes the check.

30. (new) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:

storing the entries in the database server but, to make upwards compatibility with a Home Location Register, which does not support the improvement of the LCS Privacy in accordance with the invention, transmitting entries to a mobile network Home Location Register on request or at regular intervals, so that the mobile network Home Location Register can transmit the entries to a switching center .

31. (new) The method according to claim 30, further comprising

performing a proportion of the checks in accordance with a classification in the switching center; and

transmitting the result as an additional input parameter to the database server.

32. (new) The method according to claim 31, further comprising

storing the entries in a Home Location Register;

storing only additional attributes in the database server; and

storing the address of the database server in the Home Location Register.

33. (new) A switching device, comprising

an input mechanism for requests from a requester for position data of a mobile station;

an output mechanism for transfer of position data to the requester; and

a memory for an address of a database with an interface to a Home Location Register for downloading the address of the database into the memory of the switching device, wherein

the switching device is embodied such that on request for the position of a mobile terminal, the switching device in accordance with the verification rules specifications transferred to it from the database asks the mobile station for agreement to transfer its position data.